

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the subject application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

By the present amendment a substitute specification has been submitted, Claims 1-7 and 9-19 have been cancelled. Claims 20-34 have been added.

Based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance, and action to that end is respectfully requested.

I. Objection to the Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) for allegedly not showing every features specified in the claims, pointing out that the drawings do not show (i) the closure being pivotally supported on the housing (Claim 15), and several catch hooks (Claim 19).

It is noted that the drawings do show several catch hooks (Fig. 4, which was added by the amendment filed January 9, 2003 and which was approved by the Examiner, Office Action of April 21, 2003).

It is further noted that Claim 15 has been cancelled, together with Claims 1-7 and 9-19. The new Claims 20-34 do not contain a claim commensurating in scope with Claim 15.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the objection to the drawings became moot.

II. Substitute Specification

In response to the Examiner's request, a substitute specification is being submitted herewith.

III. Rejection of Claims

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-7 and 9-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second paragraph, for allegedly being indefinite, and indicated that Claim 4 and 17 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim(s).

As noted above, Claims 1-7 and 9-19 have been cancelled. It is respectfully submitted that Claims 20-34 comply with all of the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112.

It is further respectfully submitted that Claims 20-34 are in condition for allowance. Specifically, Claims 20 and 34 correspond in scope to Claims 4 and 17 which, as noted above, have been indicated as being allowable upon having been rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Claims 20 and 34, which are Claims 4 and 17 so rewritten, are in condition for allowance.

It is further respectfully submitted that Claims 21-33 are also allowable, as being dependent on an allowable subject matter.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawing be further amended or corrected in formal respects, in order to place in case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendment or correction be carried out by Examiner's amendment and the case passed issue. Alternatively, should the

Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

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